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SUBJECT: SOCIAL POLICY IN EEC- JOINT CGT/CGIL VIEW

1. ON THE OCCASION OF A MEETING NOV. 21 ON SOCIAL SECURITY IN EEC (BRUSSELS) ORGANIZED BY THE EEC TRADE UNION INFORMATION OFFICE, THE CGTCGIL DELEGATIONS MET IN PARIS SAME DAY. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE THE TWO COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED UNIONS ALLEGED SUBORDINATION OF EEC SOCIAL POLICY TO CAPITALIST AND MULTINATIONAL INTERESTS AND ASSERTED THAT GENUINE EUROPEAN SOCIAL POLICY CAN BE HAD ONLY THROUGH CLOSE GOVERNMENT/MANAGEMENT COOPERATION WITH UNIONS - A COOPERATION NOW LACKING. CGT/CGIL AFFIRMED DETERMINATION TO WORK TOGETHER WITH OTHER EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS TO CHECK POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL ACTION OF MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT.

2. THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS AGREED TO PRESS DEMANDS FOR RESTRUCTURING OF WORK AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS. GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT, IN THEIR VIEW, CAN NO LONGER BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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METHODS. EUROPEAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS MUST MEET AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION IF THEY ARE TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN EEC RESEARCH ON "QUALITY OF WORK". TOWARDS THE END, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO MEET IN FRANCE IN DECEMBER.

3. COMMENT: THOUGH CAST IN DIFFERENT TERMS, CGT, CGIL VIEW OF EEC POLICY MAKING IN SOCIAL AREA IS REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO THAT OF MODERATE TRADE UNIONISTS, CERTAINLY IN FRANCE, PERHAPS ELSEWHERE. THE PERSISTENCE WITH WHICH CGT AND CGIL ARE HAMMERING AWAY ON THEME OF NEED FOR COORDINATION BY ALL EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS IS IMPRESSIVE. IT ILLUSTRATES CLASSIC COMMUNIST TECHNIQUE OF TIRELESSLY AND RELENTLESSLY REPEATING THE SLOGAN OF THE DAY UNTIL OPPOSITION, WORN OUT, LETS THEM HAVE THEIR WAY. ALREADY GROWING NUMBER
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OF PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT A EUROPEAN (WEST) TRADE UNION COORDINATION, INCLUDING CGT-CGIL, IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME AND NO LONGER ONE OF PRINCIPLE. IRWIN

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